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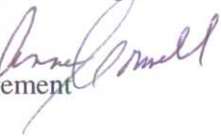
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TO: Chief School Administrators  
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FROM: Anne Corwell, Director   
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SUBJECT: Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students Third Quarter  
Application and Additional Guidance

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) received applications for Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students from 116 school districts and 16 nonpublic schools by the January 26, 2006 application deadline. A total of 260 displaced students were enrolled in New Jersey public schools and 25 in nonpublic schools as of October 1, 2005; 248 displaced students were enrolled in public schools and 29 in nonpublic schools as of December 1, 2005.

LEAs must now identify and report, using a copy of the original application, the number of eligible displaced students who are enrolled in both public and nonpublic schools as of February 1, 2006. This information is due to the NJDOE no later than **February 10, 2006**. LEAs should also include any revised student enrollment counts for the first and second quarters if more accurate data is now available. Since it may take additional time for LEAs to count retroactively for those quarters all students who may have now moved to other states or districts, LEAs that submitted applications by the January 26, 2006 application due date may continue to make upward or downward revisions to their initial displaced student enrollment counts until April 20, 2006.

LEAs must verify that all students included in the original application for Quarter One and Quarter Two are eligible displaced students. In addition, the LEA must verify that the displaced students attending an eligible nonpublic school meet the required income criteria. Information concerning the eligibility criteria for displaced students attending nonpublic schools, including a Parent Survey form, may be found in the updated Guidelines, Volume II on the NJDOE website.

LEAs are also required to notify parents or guardians of displaced students enrolled in nonpublic schools that the parents or guardians have the option of enrolling their children in a public or a nonpublic school and that the Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students funding is temporary and available only for the 2005-2006 school year. A letter from Acting Commissioner Lucille E. Davy that districts may use to fulfill this requirement is available as an attachment to the updated guidelines.

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Per current guidance from the United States Department of Education (USDOE), if an LEA did not submit an application by January 26, 2006 because no displaced students were enrolled as of October 1, 2005 for Quarter One or December 1, 2005 for Quarter Two, the LEA may submit an application if a displaced student enrolled after December 1, 2005 and is still enrolled on February 1, 2006.

In addition, if a parent or guardian of an eligible displaced student enrolled in an eligible nonpublic school prior to December 30, 2005 transfers the child to another eligible nonpublic school after that date, the parent or guardian must complete a new Parent Application and submit the application to the new nonpublic school no later than February 8, 2006 for Quarter Three. The nonpublic school must forward the Parent Application with original signatures, a copy of the registration form and the original Nonpublic School Certification form to the LEA within whose boundaries the nonpublic school is located.

Additional information has been received from the USDOE and is now available on the NJDOE website at <http://www.nj.gov/njded/grants/katrina/> in an updated Volume II, Guidelines for Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students. We anticipate receiving further guidance from the USDOE and will post this information on the NJDOE website as soon as it becomes available.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work collaboratively to implement this grant program.

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